

# Esther - Saturday Notes

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## Golden Oldies, Pt. 8

### God's Word Shows Us How God ACTIVELY AND CONTINUALLY

- CARES for His People
- RULES Over Creation
- HAS AUTHORITY Over Everything

**1 Chronicles 29:10**, ... *"Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. 11 Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 12 Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.*

### **CARE: GOD PROVIDES**

### **The Book of Esther, Shows Us God's PROVIDENTIAL CARE FOR HIS PEOPLE**

**Esther 4:14**, *For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

### **RULE: God ORCHESTRATES His Will Over Creation**

**Acts 17:24**, *"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so*

*that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'*

### **AUTHORITY: God's Authority Does Not Negate OUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

Matthew 28:18, Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### **What Do We Take Away from Esther?**

- God's Care Is at Work Even When His People DON'T FEEL OR SEE IT.
- God's Will Doesn't Need Us, but Rather HE INVITES US TO PARTICIPATE.
- God's Authority Reminds Us That WE HAVE PURPOSE AND IDENTITY.

**Romans 8:28**, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*